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1. At the Standing Group meeting this morning Mr. Gilpatric asked me the following unrelated questions:

(1) Specifically what are the "autonomous groups" referred to in paper approved at 5412 meeting last Thursday?

(2) Isn't the initial estimate of 37 percent Social Democrat votes terribly disappointing to all of us?

(3) Who is in charge in Cuba now during Castro's absence?

2. I told Gilpatric I would get more information on the autonomous groups; that the Italian elections were still far from settled at that stage of the game, and it was too early to be either disappointed or happy; and (3) I wasn't sure who, if anyone was actually in charge as the acknowledged deputy, but I would surmise that Che Guevara was probably pulling the strings.

3. Please give me some better answers so that I can telephone McNamara tomorrow, Wednesday, after USIB

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